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Faithfully yours
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"Frequently, my thoughts get bored and walk
down to my mouth. Often, this is a bad thing."

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LAS CONCHAS WILDFIRE UPDATE

Fire Name: Las Conchas

Time/Date Started: 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, 2011

Location: Jemez Ranger District, Santa Fe National Forest; approximately 3 miles south of Los Alamos. The fire started on private land off of NM 4 at mile marker 35.

Legal Description: T18N, R4E, SEC 4

Cause: Unknown, under investigation

Fuels: Mixed Conifer, Ponderosa Pine

Size: 43,624 acres (a map of the fire is attached).

The increase in size is due to extreme fire behavior associated with prolonged drought, red flag conditions and better mapping. Last night's infrared flight confirmed the acreage this morning. The data from the infrared flight detects heat on the ground and that is how we determine fire size. Although the fire has moved through the area, the severity of the fire area has not been determined. Some areas may have burned hotter than others. Fires often have areas that lightly burn as well as areas where the fire burns more severely. The fire also moved east toward old fire scars.



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